

A Look Ahead...

A publication for Fernald stakeholders

Safe Shutdown Making Progress in Plant 2

Employees completing Safe Shutdown activities continue to make progress in Plant 2, the former Ore Refinery Plant. Current activities include asbestos abatement, removal of caustic material from the Zeolite System, line draining in the extraction area and holdup material removal from the North Bucket Elevator. This project is on schedule for completion in November 1998.

Scabbling Underway at Plant 9

Crews working in Plant 9, the former Special Products Plant, have completed concrete scabbling in process area two and will begin scabbling in process area four next week. The scabblers are removing spots of Technetium-99 contamination for packaging and shipment off site. NSC, Inc. personnel are also dismantling the interior of the building and removing equipment. Removal of exterior transite will begin in October.

Fernald Living History Project Video Nears Completion

The Fernald Living History Project is a community effort to preserve and record the history of the communities surrounding the Fernald site through personal testimony from area residents, business owners, Fernald retirees and workers. To spark interest in the project, a group of volunteer advisors is completing a short video that contains interviews with several stakeholders about the effect Fernald has had on their lives. For more information on the Living History Project, please contact the University of Cincinnati Center for Environmental Communication Studies at 556-4001, or visit the project's home page: <http://ucaswww.mcm.uc.edu/communication/cecs/cecs.htm>.

DOE to Submit Draft Waste Pits Remedial Action Package to Regulators

By Sept. 25, DOE plans to submit the draft Remedial Action Package for the Waste Pits Remedial Action Project to regulators for a 60-day review period. The package addresses how IT Corporation will operate its waste processing equipment and facilities. The package will be available for public inspection in the Public Environmental Information Center, 513-648-7480.

Habitat Area Supplemental Project Underway

Construction of the Habitat Area Environmental Project will begin the week of Sept. 8. This project is one of five environmental projects required by U.S. EPA as a result of the Silos Project (Operable Unit 4) dispute resolution agreement. Once completed, the public will have the opportunity to view a variety of natural habitats and wildlife. The majority of construction should be completed this fall.

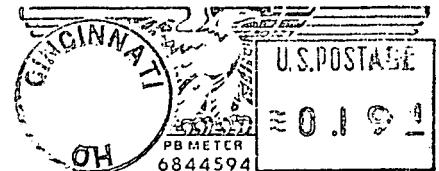
Assessment of Fernald Property

In Sept. the Community Reuse Organization (CRO) expects to receive reports from three firms conducting independent market analyses of a 23-acre tract of Fernald property off Willey Road for potential commercial or industrial demand. The Land and Equipment Reuse Committee will meet on Sept. 21 to review the findings and develop recommendations for the Oct. 6 CRO meeting. The time and location of the committee meeting will be announced on the CRO message line, 513-648-4168, and posted on the CRO's Web site, www.fernalld.gov (stakeholder section).



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Public Involvement Begins on Final Land Use

Upcoming opportunities to learn more about and comment on the path forward for final land use of the Fernald property:

- Sept. 21; a 30-day public comment period will begin on the *Environmental Assessment for Proposed Final Land Use at Fernald* and on the *Natural Resource Restoration Plan*. Both documents will be available at the PEIC starting Sept. 18.
- Sept. 23; the Natural Resource Trustees will hold a public workshop to discuss the *Natural Resource Restoration Plan*. The meeting will be held at the Alpha Building beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 13; a public hearing on final land use at Fernald will follow the monthly Cleanup Progress Briefing at the Fernald Site.
- Oct. 20; public comment period concludes.

CRO Membership Announcement

The CRO is seeking applications from those interested in serving on the board. Applicants must submit a letter with the following information: interest in serving; skills and talents; work and professional experience; memberships in groups or organizations. Letters should be addressed to: Fernald Community Reuse Organization, P.O. Box 38, Ross, OH 45061. The deadline for applications is Sept. 25. Questions? Please leave a message on the Fernald CRO message line at 513-648-4168.

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